Non-availability of essential commodities in tribal areas of MP

3235 . SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL, SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that essential commodities are not reaching the backward tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh through the Public Distribution System;

(b) whether Government are planning to take fresh initiatives for making these commodities available to the tribals in view of the prevailing high prices of commodities like edible oils which are beyond the reach of these tribals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) The Government of Madhya Pradesh has reported that food-grains at subsidised prices are being distributed since January 1986 to the tribals in rural areas consisting of 276 ITDP blocks in 35 districts. In addition, 20 mobile shops are also in operation in the State for distribution of foodgrains at subsidised prices in the remote areas in 17 tribal districts.

(b) and (c) In actual operation of the Public Distribution System (PDS) there exists a dual responsibility of the Central Govt, and the State Governments. While the responsibility of the Central Government is to procure and allocate the seven essential commodities *viz.,* wheat, rice, sugar, soft coke, controlled cloth, kerosene and imported edible oils, the responsibility of the State Governments/' Union Territories is to lift these commodities from the Central godowns/ mills and distribute them to consumers in urban and rural areas through a network of fair price shops. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has already been advised by the Central Government to strengthen their PDS specially in backward areas, in order to ensure easy availability of essential commodities at reasonable prices. The Central Government is also proposing to substantially increase the allocation of imported edible oils to the State Government with effect from September, 1987.

Drainage System for Indore

3236 SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOP-MF'IT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently received any scheme from the Madhya Pradesh Government for providing underground drainage system for Indore town in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto; and

(c) whether Government propose to accord priority to this scheme in view of the fact that lask of proper drainnage system every year leads to epidemics and endemics of water borne diseases, affecting hundreds of people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Water Supply and Sanitation is a State subject. Schemes are formulated and implemented by the State Government after making necessary provision in their plan allocations based on inter-se priorities.

अकाल की स्थिति का सामना करने के लिए मध्य प्रदेश को वित्तीय सहायता

3237. श्री अजीत जोगी : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने राज्य में उत्पन्न अभूतपूर्व अकाल की स्थिति का सामना करने के लिए केन्द्रीय

सरकार से तत्काल 260 करोड रुपये की आर्थिक सहायता देने का अनुरोध किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक कितनी राशि स्वीकृत किए जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ग) क्या केन्द्रीय अध्ययन दल द्वारा अपनी कुछ औपचारिकताएं पूरी किए जाने से पूर्व भी कुछ सहायता राशि दे दिए जाने की संभावना है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाणा) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठते।

Water Supply to sector 'D' Gole market, New Delhi

3238. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the present timings of supply of water to Sector 'D' residents in Gole Market, New Delhi;

(b) what are the timings of supply of water to multi-storeyed flats on Peshwa Road, Gole Market, New Delhi;

(c) whether these timings are being adhered to;

(d) whetrer there had been some changes in the timings of supply of water to Sector 'D' since May, 1987; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(e) the reasons for changing the timings of water supply;

(f) what were the timings of sup ply of wate-r to Sector 'D' before April 1987; and

(g) whether it is proposed to re store the previous timings and if so, from which date and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISETR OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The present timings of supply of water to the residents of Sector *D' and multi-storeyed flats on Peshwa Road Gole Market, New Delhi are from 6.30 to 9.00 both in the morning and evening.

(c) These timings are generally adhered to unless there is disruption, in the bulk water supply from the NDMC to the underground tank from where the water is pumped out by the CPWD to the overhead tanks and supplied to the residents.

(d) to (f) Before May, 1987, the timings of water supply by the C.P.-W. D. to Sector 'D' Gole Market, New Delhi were from 6 to 8.30 both in the morning and evening. These times were revised in May, 1987 to 6.30-9.00 both in the morning and evening. The reasons for this change were the complaints received from the residents of second and third floors in Sector 'D* Gole Market that they were not getting sufficient supply of water, as compared to the residents of ground and the first floors. Therefore, tha change in timings by half an hour was made to mitigate the hardship of the second and third floor residents and to ensure even supply of water for them also.

(g) There is no proposal to change the existing timings of water supply or restore the previous timings. Any change may affect adequate and even supply of water to the residents of second and third floor flats also in Sector 'D'.

Unauthorised occupation of Government quarters

3239. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the particulars ot quarters still under occupation of Government employees who have re-tired from Government Service and